MAROON 5: THE BAND WITH AN UNDENIABLE INFLUENCE

As a pop-rock music lover, your iTunes playlist is never complete without a couple of hit records from Maroon 5. Originally formed in 1994 while still in high school, the band was known as Kara's Flowers and initially consisted of Adam Levine as the lead vocalist, Carmichael as a keyboardist and rhythm guitarist, Ryan Dusick as the drummer, and Mickey Madden as the bassist. Mickey and Ryan left the group with James Valentine coming in as the lead guitarist, Matt Flynn as the drummer, PJ Morton on the keyboard, and Matt Flynn as the band's drummer.

The three-time Grammy Award winners were signed to Reprise Records shortly after releasing an independent album title *We Like Digging?* Their album *The Fourth World* released in 1997 did not do well forcing the record label to drop them, where all members focused on their college education.

In 2001, Kara's Flowers re-emerged with an urban influence as Maroon 5, signing with Octone Records who helped produce the album *Songs About Jane,* peaking at number six in the *Billboard 200.* With three smash hits, the album was certified quadruple platinum in 2005, allowing them to get their first Grammy Awards for Best New Artist.

The success of their first album was only a taste of what awaited their fans. Their second album *It Won't Be Soon Before Long* was number one on the *Billboard 200 Chart* with the .studio album *Hands All Over* did well after being released in 2010. *Moves Like Jagger,* a single from the album was number one on the *Billboard Hot 100.* The group maintained consistency and dedication with their fourth studio album *Overexposed*, producing the hit *One More Night* that charted top on the *Billboard Hot 100.*

As they hungered for musical success and to create chart-storming hits, the band signed with Interscope Records and Levine's 222 Records. They produced their 5th studio album V, which charted at number one on the *Billboard 200.* Their sixth studio album *Red Pill Blues* was even more successful, producing smash hits that pop audiences from all around the world loved.

It was not always smooth sailing

Having built an enviable career and being one of the most notable influencers in the music pop culture, Maroon 5 have had their share of struggles in their pursuit for musical success. Despite being charismatic, they have three tracks that were not released and an album that did not do so well in 1991, it was not a bed of roses for Maroon 5 in their career.

However, the band rose to have four of their songs from their second album featured in the MTV television series *The Hills.* Considering that they were a last-minute addition at the Rock in Rio concert after Jay-Z canceled his show appearance for personal reasons, the band did their best to deliver their best performance. Their fifth album also did receive mixed reviews from music critics, forcing them to re-release the album later. The creative shifts did prove that they are one of the greatest and long-serving bands, releasing perfectly-pitched songs to the amazement of their fans.

Greatest Hits

- Moves like jagger
- Girls like you
- Makes me wonder
- Memories
- One more night

Fun facts about Maroon 5

- Adam Levine is a fan of Yoga
- They were first known as Kara Flowers
- They are among the longest-serving pop bands in music history
- They have sold over 120 million records, placing them amongst one of the best-selling music artists
- The song memories had more than 470 million views in the first six months since it was released.